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# BULLETIN

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**B**USINESS is good. The sales of A. L. A.  
publications from January 1 to Octo-  
ber 31, 1921, were 58.6% greater than for  
the same period of 1920.

**T**HERE are now 5,270 members of the  
American Library Association. Last  
year at this time there were 4,464. The  
net gain is 806.

The total membership as reported in the  
Handbooks for ten years and the net gains  
each year are shown in the following table:

Year	Total Membership	Net gain over previous year
1912.....	2,365	319
1913.....	2,563	198
1914.....	2,905	342
1915.....	3,024	119
1916.....	3,188	164
1917.....	3,346	158
1918.....	3,380	34
1919.....	4,178	798
1920.....	4,464	286
1921.....	5,270	806

It will be seen that last year brought a

larger net gain in members than any pre-  
vious year.

The new Membership Committee, of  
which William J. Hamilton of Indianap-  
olis is chairman, has already launched an  
energetic membership campaign for 1922.  
The chairman is seeking the active help  
of A. L. A. members in each state and  
province in order that no opportunity of  
bringing the A. L. A. to the attention of  
prospective members will be lost.

There are probably three or four times  
as many library workers in the United  
States and Canada as there are members  
of the A. L. A., and there are many thou-  
sands of library trustees. Certainly our  
membership should go much beyond its  
present mark.

**T**HE new constitution and by-laws  
adopted in 1921 at Swampscott provide  
a new basis of membership.

Those who wish to receive the Bulletin,  
including the Handbook and Proceedings,  
will pay four dollars a year.

Those who wish to receive the Bulletin,  
not including the Handbook and Proceed-  
ings, will pay two dollars a year.

In either case, new members are re-  
quired to pay a one dollar initiation fee  
the first year.

Institutional members, five dollars a  
year, including the Bulletin with Hand-  
book and Proceedings.

Life members, fifty dollars.

Contributing members, twenty-five dol-  
lars a year.

Sustaining members, one hundred dol-  
lars a year.

Contributing and sustaining members  
may be individuals, institutions or organ-  
izations.

**T**HE Papers and Proceedings for 1921  
have at last been distributed. Mem-  
bers will be disappointed to discover how  
many excellent papers read at the Swamp-  
scott conference have not been included in  
this volume. They were left out solely on  
account of the expense.

It is hoped that the new basis of membership and the constantly increasing number of members will enable us to issue a volume of Proceedings in 1922 which will truly and adequately represent the work of the conference and the work of the committee.

The Handbook for 1921 is in the hands of the printer and should be mailed soon.

**N**ATIONAL Thrift Week will be observed on January 17 to 23. It is fostered by the Y. M. C. A. with forty-one other national organizations, including the American Library Association.

The libraries and booksellers are asked by the national committee to feature (especially on the first day, which is Franklin's birthday) Franklin's life, under the slogan "Franklin made books, but Books made Franklin."

The A. L. A. will issue early in December a short list of books and pamphlets on thrift, compiled by a librarian of one of the Federal Reserve Banks. It will be a reading list for distribution by libraries in their own communities. Specific announcements will be made later.

**A**T THE meetings of the Council in December questions which involve the policies of the Association will be presented in the form of committee reports, accompanied by resolutions embodying the judgment of the committee. These the Council will be asked to consider, and adopt or reject. So far as possible the resolutions proposed by the committees will be submitted to the members of the Council in advance of the meeting. Because of the seriousness of the business which is to come before the Council at the Mid-Winter sessions the President of the Association is urging a full attendance.

What publications are needed? All suggestions received in time will be presented to the Editorial Committee on December 29th.

## SALE, EXCHANGE, WANTS, OFFERS

Any library member of the Association may insert, without cost, a ten-line notice of books or periodicals wanted, for sale or exchange.

### WANTS

#### Cossitt Library, Memphis, Tenn.

Blackwood's Magazine, v. 136, May, 1884; v. 189, July, 1911.

Canadian Magazine, Jan., Feb., June, Sept., 1910, Mar., 1911, and Dec., 1913.

Home Progress, Nov., 1915.

National Magazine, Sept., 1912.

New England Magazine, Sept., 1914.

Overland Monthly, Dec., 1913.

#### Providence (R. I.) Public Library

Advertising and Selling, Oct. 30; Nov. 27, 1920.

American Drop Forger, Dec., 1920.

American-Scandinavian Review, v. 2.

Garden Magazine, v. 1, nos. 1-2; v. 2, nos. 1, 3, 5.

Harper's Weekly, 1897, July-Dec.

House Beautiful, July, 1920.

New Republic, index v. 22.

#### American Library Association, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago.

The Booklist, v. 17, nos 2 and 7.

### FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

#### Hackley Public Library, Muskegon, Mich.

Has a large quantity of unbound duplicate periodicals, such as Harper's, Scribner's, Ladies' Home Journal, North American Review, Outlook, and many others, in some cases extending back to 1870. It will be glad to dispose of these at a reasonable price. Any library interested should send a list of its wants promptly.

#### University of Pennsylvania Library, Philadelphia.

Atlantic Monthly, 1862-1916, nearly complete, unbound.

### OFFERS

Durant Drake, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., offers a limited number of copies of his book, *Shall We Stand by the Church?* to libraries. The book is a 1920 Macmillan publication, and sells for \$2.00 in book stores. Requests for copies, with twenty cents to cover cost of postage and wrapping, should be addressed to the author.

### FACTS FOR TRUSTEES

From many parts of the country are coming an increasing number of inquiries regarding library work with children. Many of these are requests for lists of books for first purchase; others for best books in certain classes; some are rather pathetic requests for books for children in rural districts without library facilities; many have to do with organization, re-organization or administration of children's rooms or departments; some want to know what other libraries are doing for their children. Requests for help in finding a children's librarian are of frequent occurrence.

Daily consideration of the needs of those who write or come to Headquarters to confer regarding children's work makes evident an ever-increasing activity in it by libraries and a widely aroused consciousness on the part of the general public.

**W**HAT proportion of total public expenditures should public library trustees claim for their libraries? What are the duties of library trustees?

These and other questions of interest to every library trustee were discussed at the Trustees Section of the American Library Association at its 1921 meeting in Swampscott. Discussions have been briefly reported in the A. L. A. Proceedings just issued.

At a meeting of the Council there was extended discussion of the question of library revenues. W. O. Carson, provincial superintendent of Public Libraries, Toronto, Ontario, explained the Public Libraries Act of 1920, which provides that a library board may "cause a tax to be levied to the extent of that rate on the dollar of taxable assessment that will yield 50 cents per capita of the population of the constituency to be served." He explained the new principle of taxation which this law established.

Samuel H. Ranck of Grand Rapids, dis-

cussed the application of this principle to American libraries, and supplemented his remarks with a tabulation showing the per capita income from city taxes for a group of American libraries.

William J. Hamilton in the same session gave his opinion on the advisability of giving public library boards power to levy library taxes.

An excellent digest of library legislation for 1921 in the various states is found in Mr. William F. Yust's report as chairman of the Committee on Legislation. Library board members who are interested in library legislation will learn from this digest what the tendencies are in library development throughout the United States.

Every trustee will find it interesting to read these articles in the Proceedings and especially to check up his own library against the figures given for other libraries.

**A**MERICAN Education Week will be observed by the American Legion and the National Education Association on December 4-10. Many other national organizations, including the American Library Association, are co-operating with these two organizations.

Every effort will be made to keep the primary importance of education before the people during this week. In the accomplishment of this purpose the library is an important factor. The officers of the two associations are asking for the help of library commissions, state libraries and local libraries. Copies of a four-page leaflet will be sent to any library on request. The communication should be addressed to the N. E. A. at 1201 Sixteenth Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Many libraries will welcome the opportunity which American Education Week offers for doing a good turn for the schools, and will find in the observance of the week an opportunity also to popularize the kind of education which the library is equipped to furnish.